

Docket No.: 048864-0030

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Katsuaki TAJIMA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9740
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Application No.: 09/656,440	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
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Filed: September 06, 2000	:	Examiner: Thierry L. Pham
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 13, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.